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SUBJ: OPENING OF BRANCH PLO OFFICES IN YEMEN

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL DAILY THAWRA MARCH 27 PLO REPRESENTATIVE IN SANAA FARUK YUNIS HAS APPOINTED FULL TIME REPRESENTATIVES FOR GOVERNORATES OF TAIZ AND HODEIDA. ABNAN TAYYIBI APPOINTED TO HODEIDA AND IBRAHIM MUSA AND MUHAMMAD SIRSAWI TO TAIZ. REPRESENTATIVES WILL COLLECT FIVE PERCENT "JIHAD" TAX FROM PALESTINIANS, CONDUCT INFORMATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND REPRESENT PLO WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS. PAPER QUOTES HODEIDA GOVERNOR ABU LUHUM AND TAIZ OFFICIALS AS ORDERING EVERY FACILITY TO BE GIVEN PLO REPRESENTATIVES.

2. COMMENT. THIS STEP MARKS YET ANOTHER EXPANSION OF PLO PRESENCE IN YEMEN AS PART PRESIDENT IRYANI'S POLISHING OF COUNTRY'S ARAB IMAGE. NEVERTHELESS YAR INTERNAL SECURITY CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN CLOSE WATCH OF LOCAL PALESTINIANS OUT OF YARG DESIRE BLOCK ANY POTENTIAL PALESTINIAN TERRORISM. THERE NO INDICATION YET THAT NEW REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE GRANTED DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES, CONFIDENTIAL

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